(a) the total coastal line which are under the Indian Navy in the country; and

(b) the number of offshore patrol vessels hovercraft that the Ministry have to patrol the coast?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 7516.6 Km.

(b) The assets of Indian Navy and Coast Guard under the Ministry of Defence include Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels, Offshore Patrol Vessels, Fast Patrol Vessels, Inshore Patrol Vessels, Seaward Defence Boats, Interceptor Boats, Interceptor Crafts, Hovercraft, Dornier aircraft, Chetak Helicopter and Advance Light Helicopter.

The strength of these assets is a classified information.

Receipt of IL-78 Refuellers

2793. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has received IL-78 air-to-air refuellers;

(b) if so, the number of IL-78 to be inducted into the Indian Air Force;

(c) whether any special training for the Indian pilots are required for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. One IL-78 Flight Refuelling Aircraft (FRA) has been received by the Indian Air Force.

(b) Five more IL-78 FRA are to be received and inducted into the Indian Air Force.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The training is being imparted within the country based on the syllabus which has since been formulated.